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The Honorable William H. Webster
Director, Federal Bureau of
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Department of Justice
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter to me of 29 December approving our draft procedures for CIA's counterintelligence activities in the United States.

I agree with your judgment that each request initiated under these procedures should, at least initially, be individually evaluated. I am certainly agreeable to your proposal to describe the scope of a proposed activity as well as the specific means proposed to accomplish the objective in each request that we submit to you.

I also am agreeable to your proposal to try to develop a more precise understanding of the scope of our respective agencies' responsibilities with respect to security matters that have counterintelligence implications. I have asked my Director of Security, working together with my Special Assistant for Counterintelligence, the Chief of the DDO's Counterintelligence Staff, and my General Counsel to be the focal point for such an effort. I would propose that we begin such an undertaking as soon as you designate a counterpart in the Bureau.

I am hopeful of having a response from Assistant Attorney General Harmon soon as to their views of our draft. If there are no significant proposed changes, I will formally request Attorney General Bell to approve them. Obviously, I will be back in touch with you if there are significant changes required.

With best regards, I remain

Yours,

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